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Charleston, WV -- Attorney General Darrell McGraw has filed his Certificate of Announcement with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, making official his quest for a sixth term as West Virginia's Attorney General. McGraw had filed his pre-candidacy paperwork earlier this year. General McGraw is a native of Wyoming County, where he was raised in a rural mining community where church and school was the core of family life.

After enlisting in the Army and serving in Germany, General McGraw returned home to begin his lifelong commitment of public service to West Virginia, becoming West Virginia University's Student Body President during his senior year. His activism led WVU's dean of students and former Navy chaplain Joe Gluck, to ask McGraw to save the mast of the USS West Virginia. McGraw and Gluck arranged to have the mast transported from the West Coast and brought to the WVU Campus, where it is now a permanent reminder of our history. Attorney General McGraw annually participates in Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremonies held at this location.

Attorney General McGraw used the same determination to become Justice and Chief Justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court from 1976 to 1988. On the Supreme Court, he was noted for his stance on protecting the rights of working people, adequate funding for local schools and resisting the use of eminent domain for private purposes.

In 1992, Darrell McGraw was elected the 35th Attorney General of West Virginia. General McGraw has built the Consumer Protection Division of the West Virginia Attorney General's Office into a nationally recognized powerhouse, enforcing consumer laws against some of the world's largest corporations and recovering over \$2 Billion dollars for the citizens of West Virginia.

"Judge" McGraw looks forward to another four years of serving the citizens of our great state. He pledges to continue his fight on behalf of West Virginia's consumers. McGraw stated, "I am proud of the accomplishments of the Attorney General's Office and I look forward to the privilege of remaining at the helm of this office, to help people and to continue programs that have given average citizens a voice when they would not have been heard otherwise."

McGraw is married to Jorea Marple, the first female to be named State Superintendent of Schools. He has four children and one grandson.

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